

## Local Longshoreman Brings Dutch Friend To America

New arrivals in America are Jo Rademaker, 31, and his son, Paul, who is 9 years old. The two arrived from Amsterdam, Holland, aboard the SS "Ryndam" in New York last week and will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Steven Spaan of 2112 West 238th Street, Torrance.

It all began several years ago when Spaan worked as a longshoreman and met Rademaker when the latter was a man on a Dutch boat unloading at San Pedro. Spaan, a native of Holland, cultivated this friendship, and in

time was able to sponsor his friend's immigration.

**To Sea At 14**  
Jo first visited the United States in 1938, the year that he went to sea. He was 14 years old at the time and in typical boy's fashion chose the sailor's life because of the romantic lure of foreign lands.

"I sailed 14 years," Jo reminisces, "and I gained a load of experience, but I don't want to go back to sea again. I want to make a steady home and settle down."

"Right now I'm looking for a job, just any kind," the handsome 31-year-old Dutchman said in flawless English, having lived a number of years in England.

Rademaker escaped to England after the occupation of Holland by the Germans. In England he joined the Royal Netherlands Navy and served on P-T boats till the Normandie invasion.

One of the reasons why Jo is anxious to settle down is that he wants to give his young son, Paul, a home.

**Loves Son**  
Nine-year-old Paul is just beginning to learn English and has quite a time trying to converse with the Spaan's six grandchildren. He is thrilled by

the abundance of such food as ice cream in this country, as it is a rare delicacy in Holland. He has also become a great TV fan and one of his first, and his favorite English words seems to be "cowboy."

According to his father, Paul at first thought the hills in this country were dikes, as in his native Holland. The boy also experienced the thrill, peculiar to a nine-year-old, that came upon seeing the Statue of Liberty for the first time.

The father and son are planning to become U. S. citizens as soon as possible. Young Paul will be a student at the Howard Wood Elementary school.

Several new members have joined the North Torrance Civic Improvement association since the beginning of the year, including Mayor Nick Draie, it was reported.

## Localites In Drama Group

Two Torrance residents have joined San Pedro Theatre Arts for its coming production of Philip Barry's Broadway hit "The Philadelphia Story," to be presented February 18, 19, 20 and February 25, 26, and 27 at the Royal Palms Playhouse, 4100 Paseo del Mar, San Pedro.

Nancy Andrews of 4121 Madrid has accepted the Theatre Arts invitation to direct the production. Associated with the Palos Verdes Players, Miss Andrews has directed the children's theatre there for two years. This is her first production with San Pedro Theatre Arts.

Keith Goodwin of 2415 W. 235th street, will play the role of Sandy Lord in the 3-act comedy of Philadelphia society

## Standardized House Set-Backs Recommended

Standardizing set backs of all buildings by measuring from the center of the street was approved by the Planning Commission last week.

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